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Planned budget

Elimination of this contract would deny the NIS the support of the most knowledgeable old-line Government agency covering manufacturing and construction activities and installations in the Free World plus Cuba and Yugoslavia. This Commerce staff, furthermore, is one of the two most competent and effective non-USIB staffs contributing to NIS and their product is valued as of particular priority importance by the Department of Defense. Loss of this contract with the resultant loss of these technicians would place very heavy burdens on less experienced staffs in OER and OCR which specialize largely only on old-line communist countries, in their own present coverage of such topics. Furthermore, DIA contributions to this NIS element amount to more than one-third of the total effort, and in some cases constitute the most significant part.

QUALITY:

Contributions by BDSA staff are of highest quality well edited before receipt by OBGI, and internally well coordinated. Difficulties have primarily arisen over inputs and needed updatings by Defense agencies; the BDSA coordinator has recently undertaken an expanded initiative (with OBGI backing) in insisting on improved Defense contributions and more responsive updatings and emendations.